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QUERIES.

75. THE BOSUN'S CALL.—Are there not many more calls than those given in Vol. I., page 9. I have heard every boat was called away with a different pipe in former days. Can anyone give graphically any other calls than those shown in Vol. I., Part I., so that they may be resuscitated.—K. M. F.

76. THE "MAYFLOWER."—Can any reader of the "M.M." give me the names and any other particulars of the Master and Mates of the *Mayflower*? Also her owners and port of registry.—J. W. D. P.

77. "MERCHANT SERVICE."—What is the earliest use of the term "Merchant Service"? In old books, it is frequently "merchant's service." The title-page of Entick's Naval History, published in 1757, mentions the "Royal Navy and the Merchant's Service." Although used on the Board of Trade certificates of competency, strictly speaking, the term is a misnomer, and should be merchant services, as every house-flag represents a separate service in itself, and always has done so.—J. W. D. P.

78. FERKYNSTEKERS.—What kind of ships were these? I find in the *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, on October 7th, 1447, "forfeiture of two ships called 'spynners,' alias 'farkenstekers' laden. . . in the port of Poole . . ." and on December 5th, 1460, "inquisition in Yorkshire touching all goods . . . from any

port in the country in 'ferkynstekers' or other vessels. . . ."—R. C. ANDERSON.

78. FRENCH PRISONERS' WORK.—I shall be much obliged if anyone can tell me anything about "an action between H.M.S. *Boyne*, and *L'Artemise* and *Le Renard*, and possibly the same ship and *Le Hero* and *La Ville de Marseilles*. The two groups of ships, three in one case and two in the latter, are supposed to be the work of French Prisoners between 1756 and 1815. An inscription underneath one group reads—

Lieut. Blackman's
H.M.S. *Boyne*, 1815.
Now Captain Harnage's
1822.

The workmanship is very fine and like that of French Prisoners about 1800, but I cannot identify the ships or anything relating to them, though I am quite certain the names are correct.—JOHN H. WALTER.

[Lieut. Blackman was in the *Boyne* 98 from April 11th, 1815, to June 29th, 1816, as flag-lieutenant to Pelleu in the Mediterranean (O'Byrne's "Naval Biography"). He took the name Harnage in 1821. The *Ville de Marseille* 74 was launched at Toulon in 1812, and the *Heros* 118 in 1813 (Troude "Guerres Maritimes—Port de Toulon," II., 569 594, 614). It seems difficult to connect the *Boyne* in any way with the *Artemise* or *Renard*.—ED.]

NEW BOOKS.

SAMUEL PEPYS AND THE ROYAL NAVY. By J. R. Tanner, Litt.D. Cambridge, 1920. 6s. 6d.

This is a reprint of four lectures delivered by Dr. Tanner in November, 1919. Roughly speaking, they give in a condensed form most of the information in the introduction to Vol. I. of the "Descriptive Catalogue of the Naval Manuscripts in the Pepysian Library," and to Part I. of "A Descriptive Catalogue of the Library of Samuel Pepys." Members of this Society do not need to be told that Pepys was an administrator as well as a diarist, but it is as well that the fact should be made quite clear to everyone, and this Dr. Tanner does.